



H.RES. 1168 – CONGRATULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THEIR STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1168 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Charles Boustany (R-LA) on May 1, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1168 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1168 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Acknowledges and commends charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and improving and strengthening our public school system;
- Supports the ninth annual National Charter Schools Week; and
- Joins the President in calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to demonstrate support for charter schools during this weeklong celebration in communities throughout the United States.

BACKGROUND

Charter schools are nonsectarian public schools that operate without many of the regulations that apply to public schools. Chartered schools operate on a performance contract (or “charter”) with an authorized public sponsor, which is usually a state or local school board. This charter details the school’s mission, educational programs and goals, the students to be served, methods of assessing educational success, as well as other criteria. These charters are granted for certain lengths of time, and are renewed by the authorized public sponsor usually based on the academic success and performance of the chartered school.

According to the Department of Education, over 4,300 chartered schools are now in forty states and the District of Colombia, and have about 1.2 million students. In 2006, chartered schools received \$214,782,480 in federal funding.

[Department of Education – webpage on chartered schools](#)

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